

an unrivaled ability to light up almost any room she walked into. We can all agree there will never be another Pat Schroeder.

I am grateful for the time I got to spend with her and for the friendship and mentorship she provided to me over the years.

This is something that doesn't happen very often: Pat was elected to Congress when I was in high school; I never voted for anybody for Congress except for Pat Schroeder and myself.

She is a giant whose shoulders we all stand on today, and she will be missed by everybody here, by everybody in the First Congressional District of Colorado, and by millions of people whose lives have been made better because of the legacy of Pat Schroeder.

Madam Speaker, I thank you for helping me honor the memory of Pat Schroeder by observing a moment of silence.

CELEBRATING PENNSYLVANIA 4-H WEEK

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the thousands of Pennsylvania youth who participate in 4-H and celebrate Pennsylvania 4-H Week, March 12 through March 18.

Last week, counties across the Commonwealth, including McKean and Jefferson in Pennsylvania 15, celebrated the youth development program and the important role that it plays in our communities.

4-H is the well-known educational youth development program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture administered in Pennsylvania by Penn State Extension. It is the largest youth organization in the State, with over 77,000 members from each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties.

In celebration of local 4-H clubs, Jefferson County youth were invited to Brookville's Penn State Extension office for 4-H-related goodies and program information.

McKean County youth promoted their 4-H clubs by decorating window displays in local storefronts, and they also held their annual 4-H benefit dinner and auction.

4-H provides a continuing service to Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District, the Commonwealth, and the Nation, and I commend the thousands of youth and adult volunteers who comprise this outstanding program for their club, community, country, and world.

HONORING NEW JERSEY STATE SENATOR RONALD RICE

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of one of New Jersey's most distinguished State senators.

New Jersey State Senator Ronald Rice passed away on March 15. He spent more than 35 years serving the people of New Jersey's 28th District, and he was the longest serving Black legislator in our State's history.

Senator Rice started as a Newark City Council member before he became a State senator, but his service to our community and our country extended beyond politics. Senator Rice was a sergeant in the Marine Corps and a decorated Vietnam veteran. He spent 8 years as a police detective and 4 years as Newark's deputy mayor.

As a State senator, he was known for his strong advocacy for social justice and civil rights. His dedication to equality was known throughout the State.

Senator Rice was an exceptional public servant, and I know his work for Newark and the people of New Jersey will be missed.

COMMENDING GEORGIA SOUTHERN ON ITS LEARNING CENTER IN IRELAND

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, this past Friday in Savannah, Georgia, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with over 400,000 people lining the streets of Savannah.

Today, I rise to highlight the efforts that have been made by Georgia Southern University to strengthen U.S.-Irish relations.

In 2019, the university established a learning center in Wexford, Ireland. The new learning center allows students at Georgia Southern to study abroad in Ireland. It allows them to take classes, experience the culture of Ireland, and examine the longstanding connection between Savannah, Georgia, and Ireland.

In addition to aiding students at Georgia Southern, efforts made by the university have strengthened the Georgian economy. Efforts by the university's Center for Irish Research and Teaching have led the Savannah Economic Development Authority to select Ireland as a partner for various trade and investment delegations.

The initiative also helped secure a Southeast U.S. distribution deal for Survipod, an Irish manufacturer of innovative surveying tools, and a broad-based distribution deal for the Savannah Bee Company in Ireland.

I congratulate Georgia Southern University on its accomplishments and thank the university for its efforts to improve U.S.-Irish relations.

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HONORING AMERICORPS WEEK

(Ms. HOULAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOULAHAN. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to honor the AmeriCorps, to honor AmeriCorps week, and the AmeriCorps members who have dedicated their lives or part of their lives to serving others.

I have experienced firsthand the unifying power and impact of national service, during both my own service first in the Air Force and then later as a chemistry teacher through the AmeriCorps, Teach for America.

It was life changing, I hope not just for me. I was honored this week to be able to visit with AmeriCorps senior volunteers who work in our schools as foster grandparents to see that service is still indeed alive and thriving in the hearts of so many Americans.

In fact, since 1994, 57,000 residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have volunteered over 79 million hours of time. Service is a critical component in addressing many of the challenges we face as a Nation today, including how divided we feel from one another.

Please join me in expressing our gratitude to the AmeriCorps members, both past and present, who commit themselves to serving others.

Let's embrace national service and challenge ourselves and one another to serve whenever and wherever we are able.

IN MEMORY OF FRED T. MACEDO

(Mr. VARGAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Fred T. Macedo. Fred was born in Carlsbad, California, on May 14, 1944, and attended Carlsbad High School where he helped to win his school's first football CIF championship.

In 1965, Fred joined the Laborers' International Union of North America, LIUNA, Local 89. Fred enjoyed a 37-year-career at LIUNA, building numerous high-profile projects that had lasting impact on the San Diego region. His legacy can be seen today through his work on the Coronado Bay Bridge, Units 2 and 3 of the San Onofre Power Plant, the San Elijo Water Reclamation Plant, and the Point Loma Water Filtration Plant.

After retiring from LIUNA, Fred continued his service as president of the Advisory Council, where he was active in community service activities.

He has helped to provide a space for retiring members to give back to their union and the broader community. Fred will be remembered for his contributions to the County of San Diego where he was a friend and mentor to many. His family and community are